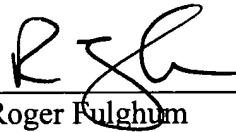


Remarks

Following the above amendments, claims 2, 3, and 5-25 are pending. Applicants acknowledge the examiner's indication that claims 8-25 constitute allowable subject matter. To place claims 8-25 in condition for allowance, the limitations of claim 8 have been incorporated into claim 8, and claim 8 has become an independent claim. Claim 1 has been cancelled. In addition, claims 2 and 3 have been amended to depend from claim 8, and claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 9. Claim 4 has also been cancelled herein. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2, 3, and 5-25 are allowable and should be passed to issuance.

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